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**MAY 16 1951**

**MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD**

**SUBJECT:** Conversation on Albanian Paper.

<b>PARTICIPANTS:</b>	Mr. Perkins	State Dept.	Mr. Wisner	OPC
	Mr. Bonbright	"	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	"
	Mr. Higgs	"		
	Mr. Joyce	"		

1. A meeting was held in Mr. George W. Perkins' office, Department of State, on 8 May 1951, at which the above mentioned persons were present to examine the attached draft of a State Department paper intended as a policy guidance for OPC in connection with the conduct of operations in Albania. After considerable general discussion of U. S. aims regarding Albania, Yugoslav and Greek interests in and intentions and mutual understandings concerning that country, and the generally complex situation which would develop with respect to Albania in the event of armed action by the Cominform block against Yugoslavia or by any rebel group within Albania, it was decided that the action proposed in the paper is based on unrealistic conclusions. One of the important points brought up was the lack of adequate information on Yugoslavia's true intentions toward Albania, her probable reaction to U. S. or joint U. S.-British efforts to maintain Albania's independence and her probable course of action in the event Greece throws a military force into southern Albania during the period of crisis.

2. Mr. Perkins stated, and it was agreed by all, that a general paper of the character of the attachment is desirable for presentation to OPC and to the consultants in order to determine whether it is felt that OPC has the capabilities for carrying out the two possible objectives mentioned, i.e., militarization and liberation. However, he indicated that he was dissatisfied with the conclusions and stated that the draft paper should be rewritten and the unrealistic recommendations be removed before the paper is forwarded by the Department to OPC for discussion with the consultants.

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3. It was recognized that little information is available concerning Yugoslavia's plans and intentions and particularly her views in regard to possible collaboration with or action against the Greeks in the event both Greece and Yugoslavia decide that they are both threatened by Albania; and it was decided that an attempt should be made to secure more information concerning the Yugoslav point of view through putting a series of questions to General Popovic when the latter arrives in this country.

*FW*  
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